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Organization of the session

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At its reconvened twenty-third session, held on 4 and 5 December 2014, the Commission agreed that the twenty-fourth session of the Commission would be held from 18 to 22 May 2015, with informal pre-session consultations to be held on 15 May 2015, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

2. At the informal pre-session consultations, chaired by the First Vice-Chair, Bente Angell-Hansen (Norway), on 15 May 2015, the Commission conducted a preliminary review of the draft resolutions that had been submitted by the deadline of 4 May 2015 and dealt with organizational matters for the twenty-fourth session.

B. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Commission held the part of its twenty-fourth session in the first half of the year in Vienna from 18 to 22 May 2015, during which time there were [...] plenary meetings and [...] meetings of the Committee of the Whole. The Chair of the Commission opened that part of the session. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 18 May 2015, opening statements were made by the Executive Director of UNODC and the observer for Chile (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the representative of Namibia (on behalf of the Group of African States); the observer for Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States); the observer for Panama (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and the observer for Latvia (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former

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Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine, as well as Norway). Statements were also made by the Minister of Justice of Paraguay, the Public Defender General of Ecuador, the Attorney General of Nicaragua, the Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for International Cooperation Affairs in Combating Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime, the Vice-Minister of Justice of China, the Vice-Minister of Public Security of Panama; the Deputy Attorney General for International and Legal Affairs of Mexico, the Legal Advisor of the Minister of Interior of Qatar, the Chief Prosecutor of Jeonju District of the Prosecutor's Office of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea, the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs of India and the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the Department of State of the United States of America.

C. Attendance

4. The twenty-fourth session was attended by representatives of [...] States members of the Commission. Also attending were observers for [...] other States Members of the United Nations, [...] non-member States, representatives of [...] entities of the United Nations system and observers for the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, [...] intergovernmental organizations and [...] non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.15/2015/INF/2.

D. Election of officers

5. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twenty-third session, on 5 December 2014, opened its twenty-fourth session for the purpose of electing its bureau for that session. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

6. On 12 December 2014, the Group of Asia-Pacific States nominated Mitsuru Kitano of Japan for the office of Second Vice-Chair. On 6 February 2015, the Group of African States nominated Michael Adipo Okoth Oyugi of Kenya for the office of Third Vice-Chair. On 16 January, the Group of Eastern European States nominated Albin Otruba of Slovakia for the office of Rapporteur. The Commission elected the Second Vice-Chair, Third Vice-Chair and Rapporteur during its consideration of agenda item 1.

7. The officers of the Commission at its twenty-fourth session were as follows:

Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico)
First Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Bente Angell-Hansen (Norway)

Second Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Mitsuru Kitano (Japan)
Third Vice-Chair	African States	Michael A. O. Oyugi (Kenya)
Rapporteur	Eastern European States	Albin Otruba (Slovakia)

8. A group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups (the representatives of Italy and Nigeria and the observers for Azerbaijan, Jordan and Panama), the observer for Chile (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the observer for Latvia (on behalf of the European Union) was established to assist the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, constituted the extended Bureau foreseen in Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31. During the twenty-fourth session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on [...] and [...] May 2015 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 18 May 2015, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.15/2015/1), which had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2014/230.

F. Documentation

10. The documents before the Commission at its twenty-fourth session are listed in conference room paper E/CN.15/2015/CRP.[...].